

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner confirms that claims 65-100 are allowable *as written* for reasons indicated in the previous Office Action of January 20, 2004. Applicants respectfully acknowledge Examiner's comments and assert that claims 65-100 are allowable. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of originally filed claims 101-103, 117-119, 119-121, 126-128 and 123 in any continuation application.

Examiner further notes that claims 104-116, 122, and 124-125 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the (rejected) base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 104-116, 122, and 124-125 have been amended to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 104-116, 122, and 124-125 are allowable as rewritten.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 104-116, 122, and 124-125 are in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants also respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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